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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 1713

H. P. 1364

House of Representatives, January 6, 1970

The Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Brown of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
AND SEVENTY

AN ACT Appropriating Funds to the Department of the Attorney General.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts passed by the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, there is now in the hands of the Attorney General a petition signed and filed in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1107; and

Whereas, the Attorney General must proceed with an investigation for which he does not have sufficient funds; and

Whereas, he must have such funds to do the investigation required by the statutes; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Department of Attorney General; funds for. There is appropriated to the Department of Attorney General from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$15,000 to carry out the investigation of alleged profiteering in rents in the City of Bangor and surrounding communities. The breakdown is as follows:

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ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF

All other

\$15,000

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A petition signed by 50 citizens of Bangor has been presented to the Attorney General. The petition demands an investigation of alleged profiteering by landlords in the Bangor area. 10 M.R.S.A. § 1107 provides for this procedure. The Attorney General must ascertain the actual market value, a fair return thereon and the actual return. This will necessitate the employment of appraisers and accountants plus other expenses not included in the regular budget.